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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: John Viernes, Jr., Director  
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SUBJECT: **FY 2008-09 FUNDING REDUCTIONS**

This is to advise you about the reduction in funding for specific alcohol and drug programs, as a result of the recent State budget cuts. Attached is a summary of the funding reductions by provider.

The State's budget has resulted in \$10.2 million in reductions for the Department of Public Health's Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) in the following program areas: CalWORKs, Drug Court, Perinatal, Women and Children, and Proposition 36 programs. ADPA partially mitigated the impact of these reductions by backfilling with unobligated Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT Block Grant) funds. The result is a net reduction of \$5.5 million for FY 2008-09.

For all programs except CalWORKs, ADPA followed a three-step process to determine the agencies' funding reductions. First, ADPA reviewed the contract underutilization for both FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 (July through November 2008). Second, ADPA imposed an across-the-board cut on contract balances not yet utilized, and finally, \$4.5 Million in unobligated SAPT Block Grant funds were used as backfill, resulting in a net reduction of \$5.5 Million.

For the CalWORKs program, ADPA implemented an across-the-board cut averaging 8.1 percent (8.1%) and eliminated a few contracts with minimal funding. ADPA did not backfill CalWORKs reductions. The reductions included in the attachment represent only the amount related to State budget cuts and do not include any possible reductions that would occur as a result of the CalWORKs Demonstration Project currently under discussion.

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ADPA will advise providers of their funding reductions within a few days .

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

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